

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 800

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Virgil Crowder, Jr. for  
laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community  
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Virgil Crowder, Jr., who is the 2001-2002  
District Governor of the Lawrenceburg Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis, Dr. Crowder has lived in Lawrenceburg throughout his  
life, other than when he was pursuing his education and serving with honor in the military; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lawrence County High School, he attended the University of  
Tennessee as an undergraduate and also received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the  
University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after interning, he entered the United States Navy and took a respected  
position among those gallant men and women who, throughout American history, have  
defended our nation and our freedom; Dr. Crowder graduated from the Naval School of Aviation  
as a designated flight surgeon and retired as a Lt. Commander; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, he finished his surgical training at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine and returned home to his native Lawrenceburg; and

WHEREAS, board certified by the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Crowder practiced general surgery in Lawrenceburg from 1968 until taking a well-deserved retirement on March 15, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crowder has been an active and invaluable member of his profession and his community and has found time to lend his remarkable talents to numerous notable causes; his leadership ability is well-known throughout this State; and

WHEREAS, he was the first elected member of the Lawrence County School Board, has served on the Board of Crockett Hospital for many years, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Medical Association for nine years and served as its President, was appointed to the Licensing Board of Health Care by Governor Sundquist, was President of TMA Physicians Services, Inc., and completed a three-year term on the Board of Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he is an active member of the First United Methodist Church, where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, teaches an adult couples Sunday school class, and is a member of the Chancel Choir; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crowder participates in numerous civic activities and organizations; he joined the Rotary Club in 1969, has thirty years of perfect attendance, has served two terms as President of the Lawrenceburg Rotary Club, is a 5<sup>th</sup> level Paul Harris Fellow, and was Co-Chairman of the 6760 District Conference in 1985; and

WHEREAS, a committed supporter of family and community values, Dr. Crowder is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Judy, who is also a Paul Harris Fellow, and he is the loving father of Meredith Clark and Holt Crowder and the proud grandfather of two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Crowder, Jr. epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Crowder for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. Virgil Crowder, Jr., 2001-2002 District Governor of the Lawrenceburg Rotary Club, for his meritorious service to the citizens of the state of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.